

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-4) without traverse.

Applicants have also amended the claims to correct an error in claim 1 (it is the sealing catheter, not the isolation/access catheter, which delivers the closure element) and add several dependent claims.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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